

ENTIRE TOWN BURNS

Twelve Hundred People Homeless a

ESTIMATE LOSS OVER 500,000

Neighboring Mining Towns Take

Prompt Measures of Relief.

MORE AID IS NEEDED

SPOKANE, Wash., May 5.—A special to the Spokesman Review from Kaslo, B. C., says:

Sandon, the second mining town of importance in the Slocan district, has been completely destroyed by fire and nearly all its 1,200 people are homeless and ruined. Kaslo is twenty-eight miles from Sandon, about midnight large clouds of smoke came rolling over this town from Sandon. At

At 4 p. m. a train came to the station, but no news could be had from the desolate town, as all wires were down.

ing a number of those who lost their property. They reported that the total loss was between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000, while the insurance could only have been about \$25,000.

Shortly after the flames broke out the streets were filled with hundreds of men and women. The flames started between Creamer's Hall and Brown's store. Two men came forward to hold the flames in check while the other men stream gave out and the flames spread rapidly. After that was only a matter of the fire burning itself out.

Houses in Fire's Path Destroyed.

The miners' hospital and a drug store were blown up in an effort to save the

the town, including the tenderloin and business places, were gone. Then the firemen

Buildings in the Kootenai country, the Canadian Pacific railroad station and other buildings, in order to save the valuable works of H. Geigerich and H. Byers & Co., was accomplished. Half a dozen other buildings, including the electric power house at the extreme ends of the town, were saved. The rest of the town was destroyed. Relief measures were taken instantly. The officials of Sandon donated \$100,000, and mining men there contributed \$100,000. Kaslo raised \$1,800 and sent up a

THE VIRGINIA A HOPELESS WRECK.

**ate of Fifteen of the Steamer's Crew
Still in Doubt.**
Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.
NORFOLK, Va., May 5.—The British
steamship Virginia, which stranded Wed-

ras, and which was not discovered until yesterday on account of the thick weather, and today a headless brook of the same

of all shipping." Her cargo of iron is at the bottom of the sea, and the vessel broken in two. The survivors, Captain Samuels and four men, are at Hattas life-saving station. They lost everything. Six of the crew met death by drowning, and the fate of the fifteen who got afloat is still unknown. Nothing has been heard of them. It is reported they took no provisions in their hurry, and if the boat outlived the stormy seas, they may suffer from hunger and thirst up to some vessels. The lights on the ship are out. It is a relief vessel, the regular lights being at Baltimore for repairs. This disaster oc-

act of extending the life-saving service
reason the year round. At present the
last is unguarded in June and July.

Amiral's Brother-in-Law Jumps in Bryan's Band Wagon.
Special Dispatch to The Evening Star.
SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, May 5.—W. S. Thomas, chairman of the democratic state central committee, states that John D. Ma-

... has deserted his brother-in-law, Admiral Dewey, and jumped into the front of Bryan's band wagon. Mr. McLean

fix the time for holding the democratic convention and has abandoned all thought of having the time when it will suit Dewey's interests.

Chairman Thomas stated further that there was no possible room for misconstruction on McLean's action, declaring that meant that the Dewey candidacy, which has fallen flat the country over, is to be abandoned. The plan is to let the people gradually forget the matter. Mr. Thomas said Ohio is for Bryan first, last and all the time.

TO REGULATE GRADES.

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favorable Report Drawn by Mr. Clay-

the report of the House District committee on the bill to regulate the grades of which street has been drawn by Mr. Clay of New York. The report says: The bill originated with the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, who ask authority to make certain shifts and changes of location, in order to adapt old subdivisions to newer and better conditions. These abandoned streets and places were reservations on the part of property owners, and the new streets have also been given the request of the Commissioners. It is

ds shall revert to the original owners. Furthermore, the bill proposes to allow establishment of building lines and

that parkings and building lines have
established in the city, and subject to
same limitations and regulations. This
islation is eminently proper, because it
encourage donations of land for streets
avenues."

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ONE TO POPULIST CONVENTION.

**Departure of Senator Pettigrew and
Others.**

Senator Butler of North Carolina, Sen-

gins of Virginia, N. W. Fitzgerald of West Virginia and George H. Shibley of New

t left today for Sioux Falls, S. D., to attend the populist national convention to be held there next week. Senator Butler is chairman and Gavock and Fitzgerald are members of the national committee. Just before he left Senator Butler expressed the strong opinion that Bryan would be nominated by the convention for President by acclamation.

Senator Allen of Nebraska, who is to oppose Bryan in nomination, accompanied by Representative Sutherland, also of Nebraska,

Big Fire at Glasgow, Ky.

oyed the business part of this city. Seven
ddings were burned causing a loss of
0,000; partially insured.